subsequently appended claims.

What is claimed is:

A television system comprising a display having an 1 interactive interface for displaying a personal channel for 2 the television viewer, said display being controllable by a 3 computer through a remote control to invoke a personal channel featuring selective programs for an individual television • 5 6 viewer, said selective programs being programmed into said personal channel of said television system by at least one of 7 the following techniques: (i) through explicit information 8 provided by the television viewer; (ii) through passive 10 11 11 12 12 13 information, wherein the system observes what the television viewer is watching and automatically develops a profile; (iii) through collaborative filtering by observing what programs others in a household of the television viewer have developed 14 12 15 15 15 in their personal channel; and (iv) through a combination of all of the above.

> The television system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said remote control has means for scrolling about said display.

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- 3. The television system in accordance with claim 1,
 wherein said remote control has means for controlling the
 splitting of the display.
- 4. The television system in accordance with claim 1,
 wherein said remote control has means for controlling the
 recording of a television program.
 - 5. A television system comprising a display having an interactive interface for displaying a personal channel for each member in a household of a television viewer, said display being controllable by a computer through a remote control to invoke said personal channels featuring selective programs for each individual television viewer, said selective programs being programmed into said personal channel of said television system by at least one of the following techniques:

 (i) through explicit information provided by each television viewer; and (ii) through passive information wherein the system observes what each television viewer is watching and automatically develops a profile.

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- 1 6. The television system in accordance with claim 5,
 2 wherein said remote control has means for scrolling about said
 3 display.
- 7. The television system in accordance with claim 5,
 wherein said remote control has means for controlling the
 splitting of the display.
 - 8. The television system in accordance with claim 5, wherein said remote control has means for controlling the recording of a television program.